

(5) Whether the exclusion of certain nations from the Areas

of Responsibility of the unified combatant commands presents difficulties with respect to the achievement of United States national security objectives in those areas.

(6) Whether the current geographic boundary between the

United States Central Command and the United States European Command through the Middle East could create command conflicts in the context of a major regional conflict in the Middle East region.

SEC. 906. TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY TO CONTROL TRANSPORTATION

SYSTEMS IN TIME OF WAR.

(7) AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—Section 4742 of

title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking out

"Secretary

of the Army" and inserting in lieu thereof "Secretary of Defense".

(8) TRANSFER OF SECTION.—Such section, as

amended by sub-

section (a), is transferred to the end of chapter 157 of such title and is redesignated as section 2644.

(9) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 9742 of such title is repealed.

(d) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—(1) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 157 of such title is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

"2644. Control of transportation systems in time of war."

(10) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 447 of such title is amended by striking out the item relating to section 4742.

(11) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 947 of such title is amended by striking out the item relating to section 9742.

SEC. 907. CODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES.

(a) CODIFICATION OF EXISTING LAW.—(1) Chapter 104 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2112 the following new section:

"§2112a. Continued operation of University

(a) CLOSURE PROHIBITED.—The University may not be closed. Effective date. (b) PERSONNEL STRENGTH.—During the five-year period begin-

ning on October 1, 1996, the personnel staffing levels for the University may not be reduced below the personnel staffing levels for the University as of October 1, 1993."

(2) The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 2112 the following new item:

"21 12a. Continued operation of University."

(b) REPEAL OF SUPERSEDED LAW. — (1) Section 922 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1995 (Public Law 103-337; 108 Stat. 2829; 10 U.S.C. 2112 note) is amended by striking out subsection (a).

(2) Section 1071 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (Public Law 104-106; 110 Stat. 445; 10 U.S.C. 2112 note) is amended by striking out subsection (b).